

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M25-12

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Query Cemetery

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13505 Esworthy Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Darnestown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: CEMETERY

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary E. and H.D. Williams

street & number 13505 Esworthy Road telephone no.: (301)495-2340

city, town Germantown state and zip code MD 20837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Query Cemetery lies in the southwest corner of the property at 13505 Esworthy Road, near the intersection of Esworthy and the road leading into the subdivision in which 13505 is located. Physical evidence of the well-maintained cemetery consists of a single headstone and possible footstone located in a small grove of lilac and privet bushes immediately to the right (south) of the intersection, just after the turn from Esworthy onto the subdivision entrance road. The grove (which is also marked by a large old cedar tree) is just south of the rail fence dividing the property from the subdivision entrance road.¹

The single surviving datestone in the cemetery belongs to John Nicolus Query. A few feet from it is a much smaller stone which has been identified as a 19th century marker for a relative of Query's. There were no other stones visible at the time of the site visit.²

The tombstone is of local fieldstone and is approximately 36" high and 18" wide, with a rounded top. Some of the inscription is indecipherable, but it is obviously the same stone recorded in an earlier survey.³

+
1788 Died
the 24 of Nov
John Nicolus
Query
was born
the 17 of Dec
1714

Originally, according to information provided by a neighbor who helped maintain the property, the cemetery contained stone markers for Mr. Query, his wife, and 12 children. In 1971 a stone was still extant, reading "Mrs. C.Q.C., reading "Born Oct 6 1801, Died April 27 1826". An archeological survey in 1979 detected three to four unmarked fieldstones in addition to Nicolus Query's marked stone.⁴

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) CEMETERY

Specific dates 1788 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: The Query Cemetery is significant because it is one of the earliest family burying grounds in Montgomery County, containing at least one 18th century grave. The cemetery holds the remains of early settlers to the Darnestown area.

According to the records of the Maryland Historical Society, John Query arrived at the port of Philadelphia in the early 1700's, having sailed from Germany aboard the "Halifax". He took the oath of allegiance to England in 1752, at the age of 38, and lived subsequently in Berks County, Pennsylvania.⁵

Sometime before 1779 he migrated from Berk's County to Montgomery County, Maryland, and, in 1779, a deed is recorded showing that "N. Queary" was the purchaser of property in the County. In May, 1779, Query paid 4000 pounds to a Frederick County man, Samuel Boone, for two parcels of land, 137 1/2 acres 30 miles from Georgetown called "Resurvey on Rich Meadow" and "Montross" and 100 acres 20 miles from Georgetown (the "Haywire Farm" site on which the cemetery is located) known as "Maiden's Bower". "Maiden's Bower" was described in the 1783 tax records for Montgomery County as being "cleared hilly land", with one dwelling house.

The area which became known in the twentieth century as Haywire Farm was, during and after the Revolutionary War, the site of the Query home and grist mill. The exact location of the mill, which was on Muddy Branch, is unknown. Since, in 1779, Nicolus Query was 65 years old, the grist mill may have been operated by his two sons, Daniel and Henry, who inherited the properties following his death in 1788. Query's will also mentions his wife, Margaret (who was given one-third of all his lands) and five daughters, Mary Ann March,

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Christina Shingler, Catherine March, Elizabeth Humbert, and Suzanne Tice.

In 1840, Montgomery County Land Records show that "Maiden's Bower" and other Query properties were sold to one Samuel West, who eventually became Recorder of Deeds in the County. The Query family was not listed in the 1850 census or on the Martinet and Bond map for 1865.

These early settlers are memorialized today in the name of a road near the cemetery, Query Mill Road. The cemetery is one of the oldest burying grounds in Montgomery County.⁶

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1788

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

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Preservation Planning Data:

- a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b) Chronological/Development Periods:
Rural Agrarian Intensification - A.D. 1680-1815
- c) Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Community Planning
- d) Resource Type: Cemetery

Endnotes

1 The cemetery is approximately three quarters of a mile east of the junction of Esworthy and Seneca Roads and one half mile to the west of the Esworthy Road/Query Mill Road junction, in a subdivision. Driving south on Esworthy Road, turn left at the sign marking the subdivision entrance road to 13505, 13513, and 13517 Esworthy. Continue a short distance to the driveway to 13505, on the right.

2 Michael Dwyer, MHT form, 1-18-1975.

3 Ibid.

4 Linda Layman, "Family Burying Grounds," **Montgomery County Story**, XIV:2 (February 1971), 2. Paul B. Cissna, Potomac River Archeology Survey, 1979.

5 The major sources for historical information on the Query Cemetery are Lydia Schindler, "Historical Ramblings," in **The Little Acorn**, c1979; and Layman, "Burying Grounds".

6 See **History of Potomac**, 1976 (n.p.) and Dwyer, MHT form, 1975.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM

LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M_{25/12}

PROPERTY NAME: Query Cemetery

TOWN: Darnestown

COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

QUADRANGLE: Seneca, MD-VA



Query Cemetery

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13505 Esworthy Rd

~~Darnestown~~
~~Germanstown~~ MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L Snyderman

11/93

Looking West toward Esworthy Rd

NEG:MD SHPO

1 of 2



Query Cemetery

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13505 Esworth Rd
~~Germantown~~ Darnestown MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

Headstone / Foot Stone of John Nicolus Query
1714-1788

Stone faces East

NEG: MD SHPO

Zof2

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
Query Cemetery					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
N of Esworthy Rd., near Query Mill Rd.					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Darnestown					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	(development land)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Kenmar Farms, Inc. (c/o Lawrence Stevens, Poolesville, Md.)					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE		
Rockville			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed </div>	
	<div>(Check One)</div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncutered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div>	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.		
<p>There is a tall cedar tree that marks the spot, in a field on top of a hill. Only two markers are now visible. One reads:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"John Nicholas Query, born Dec. 17, 1714 died Nov. 24, 1788."</p> <p>The other stone is a 19th Century marker for a relative.</p>		

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nicholas Query operated a mill nearby on Muddy Branch, sometime during the 18th Century. Almost nothing is known about the mill, but it may hold the key to information about this remote area. (See references next page for notes on Query family.)

The cemetery is one of the earliest in the County.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian		
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 2/28/75	
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____